

## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of preliminary amendments in the above-identified United States National Phase patent application. Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment to the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of comparing first and second fields provides an output of the sum of a plurality of absolute pixel differences between respective said first and second fields, said absolute pixel differences exceeding a threshold value.

8. A system for executing the method as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The present amendment is made in order to place the claims in conformance with U.S. practice, and no new matter is added.